മിസ്റ്റർ ഔസേപ്പ പി. കണ്ടുകുളം.—പിന്നെയും ഉണ്ടായ ഉപ ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്ക മറുപടി ഉണ്ടായതു് "പബ്ലിക് സെൻഷ്യോൺസ്" സ്റ്റേ ളിലെ ലോവർ സെക്കണ്ടറി ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെന്റ് ഗ്രാന്റ്-ഇൻ-എയി ഡ് അല്ലാത്തതുകൊണ്ടു ഗവമ്മെണ്ടിനു അറിവില്ലെന്നാണു് ഈ കൌൺസ്സലിൽ പിടിക്കപ്പെട്ടവയായും അനേക ചോദ്യങ്ങൾ ഞ ങ്ങൾക്കു് പ്രതിബന്ധങ്ങളായിട്ടുള്ളവയുണ്ടു്. ഈ വക തടസ്ഥങ്ങൾ എല്ലാം നീക്കി അനുവദിക്കപ്പെട്ടിട്ടുള്ള മുഴുക്കം ചില ചോദ്യ ങ്ങൾക്കെങ്കിലും തക്കതായ മറുപടി തരുന്നതിനുവണ്ണം റിക്കാർഡുകളോ ടുകൂടി ഗവമ്മെണ്ടു മെമ്പർമാർ വരേണ്ടതാണെന്നു മാത്രമെ ഞാൻ പറയുന്നുള്ളു.

Rao Sahib Mr. .C. Matthai.—The point that the Member urges is this. There were so many files in connection with this question. One particular file was not looked into. It was when that question was raised here that it was found that that particular file was omitted and so for giving the full information that file had to be looked into.

President.—I think you have understood each other. The thing is full information as far as possible should be given, so that there may not be any room for complaint that the answers have been suppressed because there is something that has been given out or that nothing comes out from the answer. That is the view that I am taking. We shall try to give full information hereafter.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Thank you, Sir. That is all what we want.

Public Works Budget.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—In this connection I want to bring to the notice of the President that the Public Works Department is the Department where large sums are spent. All allotments for buildings in all other Departments also are put under the Pubilc Works Department and, therefore, we do not get sufficient time to enter into discussion regarding the Public Works proper. So the buildings for each Department might be put under the respective Departments and discussed there, buildings for the Education Department under Education, buildings for Medical under the Medical Department, and so on. Now we have not sufficient time to get even information of the several works undertaken by the Public Works Member, for other Departments. We have no time to go into the Irrigation and other important works of the Public Works proper for the next year.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—Is the change suggested to be made in this year's budget ?

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Dr. A. G. Menon.—No, not this year, but from next year. What I suggest is that the works connected with each Department may be put under that Department.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—We take no responsibility.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—You should take the responsibility. We had not sufficient time to complete at least one-seventh of the Public Works budget.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—That is not our fault.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—It is your fault. You are to spend that amount and so that ought to go into your Department.

We had no time to go into the budget for Irrigation and other important works and you will see that all were carried without any discussion.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—As a matter of fact everything was carried.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—It is only to bring this difficulty to the notice of the President that I stood up.

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—All the other Departments may be taken up first and the Public Works Department last.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Just to give information to the Leader of the House on the other side, I have to say, that was found not very satisfactory. We never reached the Public Works budget on those two occasions and we had to pass all items under Public Works and Medicine *in toto* without any discussion whatsoever. Just to avoid that, we made this representation to the President and he was kind enough to bring it forward. And now we find as the Malayalam proverb goes "[illegible]". It is so much huddled now that all Departments come under the Public Works Department and we have not sufficient time to devote ourselves to Irrigation and some other important portion of the Public Works budget. Therefore, allotments for a particular Department must be put under that Department.

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—In that case an alteration of the Regulations will be necessary.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—That is only a request. You may adjust in any way you may think fit but the thing is school buildings must come under the Education budget and so on.

President.—What the Hon'ble Member wants is that buildings and other things pertaining to the Education Department may be taken to that Department, those pertaining to Law and Justice to that Department, and all the rest, communications and all that, may come under the Public Works Department.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Buildings, etc., are done for another Department and that is not Public Works proper. We want only Public Works proper to be discussed under that heading.

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Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—We want a Medical proper.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—There is no Medical proper. The Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer interferes with everything. There is no Medical proper, Sir, so to say.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—What would be the difficulty in putting the Public Works Department in different Departments? The budget may be framed like that.

President.—Your point is that the buildings in the Forest Department may be given under that Department, and when that demand is taken up, this particular demand also be taken up and moved.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It is impracticable.

President.—You said it is impracticable; what is the difficulty? Items for the Medical Department may be put under that Department, and the items for the Education Department may be put under that, and so on.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—But then, how shall I ask for the demand?

Dr. A. G. Menon.—The demand for buildings must be made by the Director, the Medical Officer, or any other Head of Department.

President.—This is only for a convenient discussion in the Council.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—In the budget I am to ask for the whole demand.

President.—What is the difficulty? For the purpose of discussion, when the Education Department is taken up, those items pertaining to that Department may be discussed.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It was for that purpose that the Public Works Department was placed as the last.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—We found real difficulty then because we could not finish with the other Departments even.

Originally it was put off to the last stage. It is really a part of the other Departments.

President.—Exactly.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Each demand should be finished in a day. That is the rule. By the time we reached the Public Works Departmentproper yesterday, it was 5 o'clock.

President.—We don't follow the rules strictly, Dr. Menon.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—But yesterday the Vice President ruled like that. I suggested that it need not be. It was ruled from the Chair that it must be finished.

President.—If you follow the rules strictly, all the demands put for the day should be closed.

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Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—Under the section, one demand should be finished in one day. Public Works Department having been taken yesterday, it should be finished.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Over two hours we spent for getting certain information.

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—Rule 49 (2).

President.—"Of the days so allotted not more than one day shall be allotted by the Diwan to the discussion of any one demand. As soon as the maximum limit of time for discussion is reached, the President shall forthwith put every question necessary to dispose of the demand under discussion'.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Not more than one day.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—On one demand it took nearly two hours for getting information. Then there was no time for us to enter into big problems, say, such subjects as irrigation, as we spent all our time about Anappara, which ought to have come under Education. We are spending this year more than three lakhs for shifting the College to Anappara.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—Irrigation includes agriculture.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Irrigation original works come under D. P. W. There they say it is only Panchayat work.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—If school buildings should go under Education, irrigation should go under Agriculture.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—The thing is, so far as the Public Works Department is concerned, it is only an agent for carrying out the work for other Departments. You will be pleased to see, Sir, that the Public Works Department which makes the demand is only an agent for carrying out the works which are found necessary for other Departments. With reference to roads and other communications, P. W. D. is the proper head. As for the necessity in connection with the other Departments, it is only in connection with that that this question will really arise. So far as Education is concerned, the Public Works Member cannot say that a particular work is absolutely essential. If that Department says that it is essential, the allotment is allowed. When the Education Member said that, he may be literally right. Strictly speaking, Public Works Department can confine itself only to communications, mainly roads, bridges, etc.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—And maintenance of buildings also.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Some arrangement has to be made.

President.—The difficulty is we are having very many cut motions. For instance, there are 61 cut motions. If each motion is taken one after the other, there will be no time.

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Once you had this Party we could pick out certain motions and we were able to get through.

Dr. A. G. Menon.--Sixty-one motions representing all the Departments of the State of which about 10 or 15 only come under Public Works proper. The rest deals with Education, Panchayat, Medical, Excise, Registration, and many other Departments. 61 motions represent all the Departments.

President.—You will have to divide into convenient divisions.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The only possible way is to put the Public Works as the last head.

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—That is the most natural thing.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Out of experience we found it hopeless, and at our request the President got it changed to the first.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—We find it much more convenient.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—The Public Works is the agency to complete the works of other Departments. That is not Public Works proper.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It was found unsatisfactory. It is more unsatisfactory now.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—We are now reaching the Public Works. On two occasions, Public Works had to be passed coming to the Council.

President.--Our time is very limited. One head should not be carried to the next. 61 motions is too big a number. Just to avoid that, these things may be limited to the other Departments—buildings and other works. We cannot alter the budget head and the way in which it is now worked. All these demands must come under the Public Works. Certain items may be considered along with the budget heads.

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—So these heads must be discussed then.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—Absolutely no objection.

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—That is why I said that Public Works budget may come last after discussing other budgets.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—At our own request it was changed. We found it unsatisfactory. You were not in the Council then. There will be no time.

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—Important questions will be discussed before the Public Works. Then there will be no necessity.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—If Public Works is differentiated from Public Works proper, it may be put last.

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Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—Most of the items concen trate upon the departmental heads, and if those items are discussed and if decisions are come to, the others are very easy.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Public Works proper may be taken up and passed.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—The discussion may be had there. How are we to move the cuts ? The cuts will come only in the Public Works.

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—The whole thing will be there.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—Voting also must take place. Suppose the Education Department is taken up and the Anappara question is not taken up. If it comes only for the last item, and does not come under the Education Department, how are the Members going to move the cuts, if it should be considered under the Education Department ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The Members can know from the budget that there is the Anappara scheme.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—Hew are we to move the cuts?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—That also can be discussed when you take the Education budget. I don't see any difficulty in knowing that beforehand. It is so put in the Public Works budget. You can all know that there is a provision made for the Anappara College. When you discuss the Education budget, you can discuss the policy and the advisability of changing.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—That will only add to the general discussion.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Before that, the grant is sanctioned by the Council.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—After all the items are discussed, it may go to the last.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—I would suggest that the Public Works may be divided into two heads, one, Public Works proper and the other some other name. Public Works proper may be discussed first, and after going to the rest of the Departments those portions coming under the Public Works may be taken at the last, and if we have no time it may be put to the votes and carried, the last day.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Is it done anywhere else ?

Dr. A. G. Menon.—I don't know. I have not inquired. This is my suggestion.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—Suppose the Public Works budget is divided into Educational, Medical, Agricultural, and so on. Is that not better ?

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Dr. A. G. Menon.—Any way you may do.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—Headings also must be changed.

Mr. V. K. Kochunni Menon.—Separate demands must be made.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Sub-divisions under the D. P. W. That will come under one head.

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—You are making it more confusing.

President.— What is the other?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—I would say Educational, Medical and Agricultural.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—The other you may call by any name and it may be put to the votes.

President.—Dividing it into two heads, the Public Works proper may be taken up first as a separate demand, the other matters being brought under convenient Departments.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—It must always be in the P. W. D. budget in order to differentiate.

President.—Then several matters must be discussed with respect to several Departments. Divide it into two and consider each independently. The thing is, say, for instance, a building is necessary for the Educational Department, so that the question may be properly appreciated and discussed with the Educational demand. What is attempted to be done is to scrutinise all the items in the Public Works budget, find out which items go to the Public Works proper that have no reference to any other Department, take all these items together and treat them first. Those will come under Public Works proper. Examine the remaining items and see to which Department each item can be allocated. Consider those items along with that Department. That is the point raised. The difficulty is how to bring about that result. That is a question for consideration.

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—The suggestion is to bring those items under the particular Departments. All grants necessary for building schools should be brought in the Educational budget. If it is medicine the grant will be in the Medical Department and not under the D. P. W.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—That is my suggestion.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—You cannot get over the difficulty for the works are Public Works and not Educational.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—You may entrust it to any man either D. P. W. or you may give contracts.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—At one time we tried Educational contracts, Medical contracts, &c. That was given up.

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Dr. A. G. Menon.—After passing, all works may be entrusted to the P. W. D. We have no objection.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Transfer the allotment passed here and they will carry out that work.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—What is the object in discussing?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—We are not running away from here when Anappara is discussed.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—We have no time to discuss the Public Works proper. We have not that advantage.

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—Then two days may be given.

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—That may be considered. We throw out those suggestions. We shall commence work.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It can best be done by putting irrigation under buildings. Now we have communications, buildings and then irrigation. Instead of that by a rearrangement of items the demands could be altered. For giving prominent attention to irrigation, put those items first.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—I mentioned only one instance. We want P. W. D. proper as one head. Those subjects will be discussed well, and for the other we will have no time.

President.—Because it is too big a subject, too big a demand, one day is not enough for that purpose. That is the gist of the whole thing. If you have two days, perhaps you may do justice to the work. Unfortunately under the Regulation one demand has to be finished in one day. The best way would be to adopt the Land Revenue Member's suggestion.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—We have 45 demands. Suppose Education is also added. How can we do full justice?

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Anyhow these matters may be considered.

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—And the Finance Committee may consider.

Voting of Demands for Grants.

7. VI—Excise-Rs. 2,88,375.

President.—The next item is Voting of Demands for Grants. We have come up to 'Excise'.

Mr. C. V. Antony.—Sir, I move for a grant of Rs. 2,88,375 under 'VI-Excise' for the year 1105. When compared with the demand voted by the House for the current year, an increase of Rs. 3,561 could be observed. The general raising of the pay of all menials to Rs. 10, coupled with a slight increase on account of increments in the temporary establishments and the grant of a duty allowance of Re. 1 for a peon in each of the

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